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BERKELEY, CAL. WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 1898

MEETINGS OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS.

Columbia and Alert Com- panies Elect Their Officers.

North Berkeley and Peralta Or- ganizations Transact Im- portant Business.

The Columbia Fire Company elected the following permanent officers last night: President, Frank Love-land; Vice-President, William Holden; Foreman, D. Madden; Treasurer, S. H. Borkheim; Recording Secretary, Charles Gregory; Financial Secretary, Frank C. Battis; Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas Andrews.

A vote of thanks was tendered George Low for a donation of \$2.50 to the company.

The by-laws were referred back to the committee for correction.

A committee of five was appointed to procure seats.

A committee of five was appointed to arrange for an entertainment the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of a bell.

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of purchasing a horse and harness.

Several of the members made remarks on the good and welfare of the company, and the meeting adjourned.

PERALTA FIRE COMPANY.

At the meeting of the Peralta Fire Company last night the following reports for 1897 were filed:

Financial Secretary—Cash on hand at beginning of the year, \$4.35; received from city, \$51; received from entertainments, \$44.15; dues, \$23.15; initiation fees, \$3; total \$125.75. Dues outstanding \$36.00.

Treasurer—Receipts, \$131.75; disbursements, \$90.95. Balance on hand, \$60.80.

Recording Secretary—Number of members at beginning of the year, 58; new members, 13; resigned, 2; expelled, 2; suspended, 8.

Foreman Boag reported that the company had responded to seven alarms in the district, and that each fire had been extinguished with slight damage.

The Trustees will meet January 12, to examine the reports.

H. F. Keown, of the committee which had charge of the "smoker," New Year's Eve reported that the sum expended was \$10. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Marks for donating 169 packages of smoking tobacco.

The newly elected officers were installed.

The following bills were ordered paid: T. C. Rowe, \$3; T. Williams, \$5; W. M. Betts, \$1.65; Pacific Lumber Co., \$3.25.

Chief Kenny was introduced and was greeted with three cheers. The Chief acknowledged the compliment with a few remarks befitting the occasion. He asked that Foreman Brothers prepare a list of the articles needed for the next six months, in order that a requisition may be made.

The meeting then adjourned.

NORTH BERKELEY COMPANY.

At the meeting of the North Berkeley Improvement Club, Treasurer Squires reported that since August \$28.35 had been expended. Of this half went for the late banquet and the other half for repairs on the hook and ladder.

Chief Kenny was authorized to alter the hook and ladder so that it will carry more firemen.

The committee on the fire alarm reported progress.

partment to the amount of \$1200 per year, but nothing had been done.

The following letter from Mrs. Harriet D. Palmer to Foreman Florence was read:

"Dear Sir:—I wish to express to you and to all the others belonging to your department my gratitude for your kindness in coming to my assistance on Christmas morning."

"I consider it an especially friendly and neighborly act, as, being so far away, you were in no sense bound to inconvenience yourselves for us."

"In the confusion and agitation of the fire, I did not realize that you were all here to help. I fear we all seemed ungrateful and I regret that I have not found opportunity before this, to apologize for your seeming indifference. I am with hearty thanks to you all, gratefully yours."

HARRIET D. PALMER.

Mr. Lamm gave an account of Eastern fire departments, and the meeting adjourned.

THE ALERTS.

The Alerts met in the office of Geo. T. Bush last evening and elected the following officers: Geo. T. Bush, president; John Thompson, vice-president; Fred Lockyer, secretary; Court Mohr, treasurer; Louis Bush, sergeant-at-arms; John Thompson, foreman; E. M. Edwards, assistant foreman; Carl Martens, and Louis Bush, hydrant men.

Foreman Thompson was instructed to secure a copy of the Columbia by-laws, to serve as a model for the Alerts.

The President was authorized to confer with Chief Kenny regarding alterations in the fire house.

The chair appointed the following as a Building Committee: Messrs. Thompson, Lockyer and Edwards.

Adjourned to January 18.

A-BERKELEY GIRL TO MARRY.

Miss Elsie B. Lee Will Wed an Army Officer.

The wedding of Miss Elsie B. Lee, for several years a resident of Berkeley, and Frederick C. Turner, U.S.A., will take place tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tashira, Vernon Heights.

The bride is a graduate of the University, class of '89, and is a teacher in the Oakland High School.

Mr. Turner is an army engineer, stationed at San Pedro.

Workmen to Install.

South Berkeley lodge, No. 331, A. O. U. W. will install the newly elected officers next Friday evening. District Deputy Wulferdingen will preside.

A Social Dance.

The Social Club of South Berkeley gave a very enjoyable dance in South Berkeley Hall last evening.

Basketball.

The second basketball team of the University defeated a team of the Ladies Annex of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday by a score of 7 to 0.

Telephone Inquiries.

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STRUCK BY AN ELECTRIC CAR.

Harry H. Adams—Has An Exciting Experience.

Harry H. Adams, a druggist living at the corner of Shattuck avenue and Prince street was run into by a car of the Grove street line Monday morning while endeavoring to cross Shattuck avenue near his home.

The horse was clear off the track, but the car struck the wagon completely demolishing it. Mr. Adams was thrown to the ground and received a number of severe bruises.

Mr. Adams claims that the motor man did not ring the bell as he approached Prince street.

Monday Night's Fire.

No clue which would lead to the discovery of the incendiary who started the fire Monday night has yet been discovered, and it is doubtful if he will ever be apprehended.

The insurance losses have not yet been adjusted.

EUREKA OIL WORKS
INCORPORATED.

Operations May Be Resumed Next Week.

The Eureka Oil Works have filed articles of incorporation. The purpose is to do a general oil and grain milling business, and the principal place of business is Berkeley.

The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000, divided into 250 shares of \$100 each. The directors and stockholders are W. E. Sell, 2 shares; D. E. Cotton, 1 share; E. M. Ferrier, 58 shares; Francis Ferrier, 1 share, all of Berkeley, and E. S. Toors, 58 shares, of Oakland.

The works are now being repaired and it is probable that operations will commence next week.

The McShane Estate.

Joseph Mason, H. D. Twinn and Horace Woodsum have been appointed to appraise the estate of J. S. McShane, deceased, by Judge Ellsworth. Martha A. McShane has been appointed executor of the estate.

Old Newspaperman Dead.

Roland R. Bunker, one of the pioneer newspaper men of the State and for many years proprietor of the Contra Costa Gazette, died Monday afternoon at his home in Martinez. The deceased was 75 years of age and only retired from newspaper work about three years ago. He resided with his step-daughter, Mrs. Bragdon.

The Beacon Fire Company will elect officers at the regular meeting next Monday evening.

Arms for Russia.

Special to the Gazette.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—An order for 10,000 of the latest pattern of military rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition has been placed with the Winchester Arms Company through its San Francisco office. They are to be shipped at the earliest possible moment.

The order comes from the Russian government, the company having had an agent negotiating with that government.

Ed Adcock of Telegraph avenue in South Berkeley has moved with his family to San Francisco, where they will permanently reside.

FRED MILLER.

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Diamonds and Jewelry at Auction.

S. Lathrop will offer at public auction every afternoon and evening the largest stock of solid silver, diamonds, watches and jewelry in the city.

No Fake Auction Sales.

It does not pay to rent houses and furnish them up and try and out-guess the market. For real bargains go to the old store of H. Schellhaas, 408 Eleventh street.

LETTERS WRITTEN IN A TRANCE.

Mrs. Mary Frustuck-Rissland Extends Her Line of Defense.

However Her Original Husband Brings Forth Some Damaging Evidence.

The examination of Mrs. Mary Frustuck-Rissland, who formerly kept a store in this city and is now on trial for bigamy in San Francisco was commenced before Police Judge Joachimsen yesterday.

Rissland, who married the woman at Martinez, August 31, was discharged last Tuesday on the ground that he did not know his bride had another husband.

The prosecution introduced evidence of the re-marrriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frustuck-June 17.

Frustuck was in court and produced a bundle of letters which his wife wrote to him in Oakland during the months of July, August and September. The letters were introduced in order to refute the various statements that she remarried Frustuck while in a trance.

The defense, however, will insist that the letters were also written while the woman was in a trance.

In one letter to Frustuck, the defendant recommended that he go to Alaska, while to Rissland she wrote an invitation to remain with her in California.

A Smashed Finger.

W. R. Batten smashed his index finger of his left hand yesterday while at work on his new building at Ashby avenue. An amputation may be necessary.

MAY ENLARGE
THE GROUNDS.

Forty Acres May Be Added to the University.

The statement is made that the size of the University grounds is to be increased. The statement is based on the fact that a chart has been issued to competing architects on the Hearst scheme, in which chart is included about ten acres to the south of the present limits and about thirty acres to the north.

Regent Reinstein, who sent the maps over to Secretary Davis, stated yesterday that he could not say what area had been added to the reservation, but thought it might be about thirty or forty acres in all. As to the purchase of this land, he could say nothing further than that he thought the addition would be desirable.

Property Conveyances.

During the month of November there were 75 conveyances of Berkeley property. Mortgages and deeds of trust amounting to \$21,850 were recorded by the Berkeley bank.

Families, Attention.

WINE—Port, Sherry, Muscat, Angelica, Tokay, Madeira, Malaga Muscat; 35c per bottle. At Richard Lenz's Family Liquor Store, corner 13th and Washington streets, Oakland. dc4-m8

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FIREMEN ESCAPE DISASTER.

A Reckless Grocer Who Deserves Censure.

The Peralta firemen while responding to the alarm Monday evening narrowly escaped serious injury. The horse cart loaded with the firemen, one of whom, a young man named Herman, was coming up Shattuck avenue when they met a grocery rig, driven at rapid speed. Herman turned to the right but the driver of the other vehicle took the same side of the street as a result of which a collision was barely averted.

The Peraltas were unable to find out the name of the grocer. The boys feel they should have a light and a gong attached to the horse wagons so that warning of their coming will be given.

Three Arrests.

Officer Ehinger yesterday arrested J. P. Johnson, W. M. Vido and E. Atwood in West Berkeley for evading the payment of railroad fare.

STATISTICS OF THE
COUNTY CLERK.

Marriage Licenses Greatly on the Increase.

The records of the County Clerk show that for the year 1897 there had been 1250 civil suits filed, as compared with 1436 in 1896. There have been 470 estates up for probate as against 454 last year.

There were 198 divorce suits filed as compared to 137 in 1896. The increase of weddings is a marked feature, 1204 licenses having been issued as against 1105 in 1896.

The favored months to get married appear to be November, June, April, July, September and August, in the order named, as there have been issued licenses each month as follows: January 98, February 95, March 95, April 115, May 28, June 116, July 113, August 103, September 104, October 97, November 127, December 108.

The Park Site.

The work of tearing up the foundation on the site of the Berkeley station park, which was commenced yesterday, was suspended last evening as the roller was needed elsewhere. However, proceedings will be resumed tomorrow.

Knights of Honor Install.

The officers of Center Lodge, No. 3902 Knights of Honor for the ensuing term were installed last evening by D. G. D. Falls and D. D. G. D. Hart as follows: Dictator, G. E. Parker; Vice Dictator, M. McLaughlin; Assistant Dictator, J. P. Farrar; Reporter, E. F. Wrenn; Financial Reporter, A. E. Hart; Treasurer, A. Alburis; Guide, C. C. Day; Guardian, H. Mayer; Sentry, A. P. Sundberg.

Hoff Held for Trial.

Special to Gazette.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Albert Hoff, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Clute, was held for trial by Police Judge Joachimsen this morning.

Don't Forget the Day.

Go to the auction sale every afternoon and evening at S. Lathrop's, 1009 Broadway, closing out his stock.

It's Dangerous to Cross the Bay.

If you want to save time and money get the prices of furniture, stoves and household goods cheaper than city prices at the Reliance Furniture Company, 313 San Pablo avenue, Oakland.

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With many thanks for the liberal patronage the people of Berkeley have extended me during the past year just closing, I wish them one and all a happy and prosperous New Year. R. H. Driggs, 2126 Center street.

DURRANT APPROACHES THE GALLOWS.

Circuit Court Denies Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Every Reason to Believe the Execution Will Take Place Friday.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Judge Morrow and De Haven of the Federal Court this morning denied the application made yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus. Not only was the application denied, but also an application for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

All the attorneys can do now is to appeal to the Governor for a reprieve and to try and have the United States Supreme Court grant an application for appeal from the denial of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the Federal Court today. Attorney Louis P. Bondmutu will reach Washington tonight and will make the application the first thing tomorrow.

Attorney Deuprey was disappointed at the action of the judges this morning, but emphatically declared that he and General Dickenson had not finished with the case yet. "Not by a damn sight," said he, "we'll see whether the law does allow us an appeal or not. There'll be a big surprise in a very few hours now." And he hurried to his office to arrange for the carrying out of the plan of appealing to the highest tribunal.

LECTURE AT THE
BAPTIST CHURCH.

State Missionary on "Sunday School Evangelism."

D. P. Ward, Baptist S. S. Missionary for the State of California, will speak fifteen minutes at the Baptist Church, Dwight way, tonight. The church members and all friends of the Sunday School are urged to be present. Mr. Ward is a rapid and interesting speaker, fully acquainted with the latest methods and will interest all who hear him.

Rev. D. J. Pierce will give a series of morning sermons on "The Christ Idea," as follows:

January 9.—"The Jesus of the Gospels;" January 16.—"The Christ of the Epistles;" January 23.—"The Christ of History;" January 30.—"The Prince of Peace;" February 6.—"The Stone that fills the Grave;" February 13.—"My Lord and my God;" February 20.—"The Coming King;" February 27.—"Lord of All."

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WITHIN THE REALM OF QUEEN FLORA.

Why Flowers Are So Expensive During the Holiday Season.

The Amount of Labor Necessary to Place Them on the Market.

George N. Tyler in Alameda Argus.—The question has been asked me many times the past two weeks why cut-flowers were always so expensive immediately before and during the holiday week. In answer I will take the carnation for an example, and the explanation will apply to all cut-flowers. In the first place a nurseryman must have a range of glass built up to date with heating boiler and pipes. A range of five thousand feet of glass ready for plants costs, with heaters, benches and everything complete for the plants, about \$2000.

Now, the soil has to be prepared using one part loam, one fibrous soil—that is, soil that is filled with the roots of grass, and one part thoroughly decayed manure. For a range as above it will take twelve loads of loam at \$2—\$24; twelve loads of manure at \$2.50—\$30; and twelve loads of fibrous soil at \$1—\$12. Also about three hundred pounds of bone meal at \$2.50 per 100—\$7.50, making the cost of soil alone \$73.50. This is piled up in the fall and has to be turned over and wet four or five times a year so that everything will be thoroughly rotted and mixed before it goes into the benches. The cost of labor for turning the soil and wheeling it into the benches, ready for the plants is fully fifty dollars. I would further state that wood ashes must also be mixed with the soil. The old plants, dirt and all that are in the benches has to be wheeled out, and after the holes are empty and cleaned, everything given a new coat of whitewash, broken glass mended and all leaks stopped, either by going over the roof and putting the sashes where the glass is putted with either white lead or putty. The houses have then to be fumigated with sulphur to kill insects and all germs of disease, such as bacteria, rust, black spot, fairy ring, etc.—The expense of the above will fully cost, labor and all, at least \$25, making in all \$148.50 for getting the range ready for the plants.

Now, in regard to plants, if you would have to buy the rooted cuttings (it takes 9000 plants to fill the houses) and these would cost \$20 per thousand or, \$180 if you have the stock to take the cuttings from, they must be taken from now, now till the end of March, and propagated in a propagating house (another expense) and after rooted, must be planted in boxes of good soil two inches apart and put on a sunny bench, watered and cared for until about the 1st of April, when they are planted out in beds where the soil has been thoroughly enriched. They have to be watered, cultivated and tended to till about September 1st. The cost of a plant ready for the benches on September 1st is from 5 to 8 cents, according to the stockiness of the plants—say the average is 7 cents—9000 plants will cost you \$630. Your plants have to be lifted with extreme care and planted on the benches about September 1st, shaded, watered and tended carefully, for if they get any disease at this stage your labor and expense is all for nothing. After the plants have recovered from the moving and the roots have taken hold of the soil they have to be weeded and mulched with rotten manure, mixed with wood ashes and bone meal, and the plants given supports. After strong growth starts they have to be watered once a week with liquid manure, and about November 15th you begin to pick flowers.

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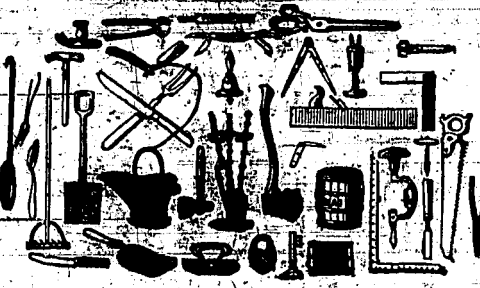
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CURLS.Kissing her neck and clinging round her ears,
Striving to draw her brow as though to gaze
Into her eyes, as a sunny mass of curls
Of sunny curls lay in its sunny years.Parted her lips, and all the world grew gay
To hear the music of her voice, and how
Dimpled her cheeks, and how each pretty
Shaking with sunshine, made midwinter May.
And I, who sat within a dusty den,
Brooding o'er books and kissing withered
flowers,
Forgot my lonesome and my lonely hours
And watched her curls and loved the world
again.
—J. J. Bell in Now Illustrated Magazine.**STEPHENETTE.**

"While I was watching the animals
in the Luberon country I was alone
whole weeks in the pastures with my
dog-friend and the ducks, without seeing
a living soul. From time to time the
hermit of the Mont de l'Ure would
pass by looking for herbs, and occasionally
I saw the black face of a Piedmont-
ese charcoal burner. But they were sim-
ple folk, silent from habit and from
having lost the taste for talking, and
ignorant of what was going on below
in the towns and villages. So every two
weeks when I heard the mule bells com-
ing up the road which wound up the
mountain I was very joyful. Then the
sprightly head of the little farm boy or
old Aunt Norade's reddish-head dress
would appear over the hill, and with it
would come my fortnightly provisions.
I always made them tell me the news
of the country below—about the bat-
tles, the marriages. But what inter-
ested me the most was hearing about
the daughter of my master and mis-
tress, our dear Mlle. Stephenette—the
prettiest creature for miles around.
Without seeming to take too much in-
terest I found out how often she went
to the fete, or the evening festivals, or
if she had any new lovers. If they asked
what difference all that made to me, I
replied that I was 20 years old and that
Mlle. Stephenette was the most beau-
tiful thing I had seen in all my life.

"Now, it happened on one of the Sun-
days the provisions, which I had ex-
pected did not arrive until very late.
In the morning when they did not come I
said to myself, 'It is on account of high
mass.' Then I went down to the great
great storm, and I thought that the
condition of the roads must have kept
the mule from starting. But at 9
o'clock, when the mountain glittered
with the raindrops in the sunshine, I
heard the mule bells mingling with the
sound of dripping leaves, and the roar
of the swollen streams tearing down
their banks—the mule bells gay merry
and gay as the great chimneys on an
Eastern morning. But it was not the lit-
tle farm boy or old Norade.

"It was—guess who—our Mlle. Steph-
enette, my friends—our young mis-
tress, sitting there among the wicker
bags, all pink from the mountain air,
so refreshing now after the storm.
"The little fellow was ill. Aunt Nor-
ade was home with her children for a
holiday. The lovely Stephenette had
told me all this in alighting from the
mule, and also that she was late be-
cause the beast had lost his way. But
to see her so beautifully dressed in her
Sunday clothes, with her flowered rib-
bons and her gay skirt and lace, she
seemed to have come home late from a
ball, instead of having just made her
way through the woods.

"Oh, the dear little creature! My
eyes could never tire of looking at her.
I had never been so near her before.
After the flocks had gone into the val-
ley, the winter she would sometimes,
while I was eating my supper, cross the
room quickly, rather stiffly and perhaps
a little proudly, scarcely speaking to
the servants. And now she was before
me, all my own! Was it not enough to
make a man lose his head?

"When she had taken the provisions
out of the basket, she began to look
about her curiously. Lifting her beau-
tiful Sunday skirt a bit lest it should
be spoiled, she went into the fold. She
asked to see the corner where I slept,
with its bed of straw and a sheepskin.
She saw my great cape hanging on the
wall, my crook, my flint. It all amused
her.

"And you live here, my poor shep-
herd? How tired you must grow of liv-
ing alone always. What do you do?
What do you think about?"

"I wanted to say, 'Of you, mistress,
and I should not have lied. But my em-
barrassment was so great that I could
not find a single word.' I think she no-
ticed it and took delight in doubting
my uneasiness with her mischievous
eyes.

"And your very good friend? Does
she come up to see you sometimes? Or
the fairy Stephenette who sits about here
on the top of the mountain?"

"She might have been the fairy Ester-
elle herself, as she tipped back her head
and laughed merrily. And she made
her visit seem more like an apparition
by her looks to me.

"Adieu, shepherd."
"Your safety, mistress."
"And a safe good night, taking the sym-
plicity of the mountain."

"When she disappeared down this
steep path, it seemed as though the pe-
bble rolling under the mule's hoofs drop-
ped one, by one on my heart. I heard
them for a long time—a long time, but
all the rest of the day I dared not stir,
but sat as though I were asleep, for fear
of awakening from my dream. Toward
evening, as the depths of the valley
grew blue and the animals grew typ-
ical and bleated in their impatience to
return to the fold, I heard some one
call from the slope. Our young mistress
appeared, not so laughing as before,
but shivering with cold and dampness.
At the bottom of the hill she had found
the Sorcerer swollen by the rains, and
in trying to cross she had almost been
drowned. The terrible thing about it
was that returning to the farm at this
hour of the night was out of the ques-
tion, because the road is perplexing,
and our young lady never could have
found her way home. I could not leave
the flocks. The thought of passing the
night on the mountain troubled her
severely, most of all on account of the
anxiety of her flocks. I did my best
to console her.

"In this the night, as short, mis-
tress, it will soon be over."
"And quickly built a large fire to
dry her feet and dress, which were
drenched with the water of the Sorcerer.
Then I brought her some cheese and
milk, but the poor little thing gave no
thought to warming herself by eating

and when I saw the great tears rise in
her eyes I wanted to cry myself.
"In the meantime darkness had come
completely. Only a glow was left on
the crest of the mountains, a luminous
mist on the side which faced the set-
ting sun. I persuaded our young mis-
tress to go into the fold to rest. After
spreading a fine new skin on the fresh
straw, I bade her good night and went
out to sit before the door. God is my
witness that not one wicked thought
came into my heart, despite the fire of
love which was burning my blood.
There was nothing but pride in think-
ing that in the corner of the sheepfold,
next the curious flock which gazed at
her as she slept, lay the daughter of my
master, intrusted to my care—a white-
more precious lamb than all the others.
Never had the heavens seemed to me so
deep, the stars so brilliant.

"Suddenly the little door of the sheep-
fold opened, and the lovely Stephenette
appeared. She could not sleep. The ani-
mals rattled the straw in their restles-
sness or bleated in their dreams. She
wanted to be near the fire. Seeing that
I threw my sheepskin over her shoul-
ders, stirred the fire, and we sat down
side by side without a word.

"If you have ever passed a night out
under the stars, you know that in the
hours when we sleep a mysterious
world awakens in the silent solitude.
Then the springs sing more clearly, the
ponds, kittle, tiny fires on their sur-
faces, the mountain-sprites come and
go without fear, and there are rustlings
and an imperceptible commotion in the
air, which seem like the growing of
branches or the springing of young
plants. Day is the life of beings, night
the life of things.

"All this is even terrifying to one
who is not in the habit of seeing it.
Our young lady was trembling from
head to foot, and she clung to me at
the slightest noise. Once a long, mourn-
ful cry floated toward us from the
gleaming pond below. At the same in-
stant a superb shooting star glided over
our heads in the same direction, as if
this moon we had just heard were the
bearer of a light.

"What was that? Stephenette asked
me in a low voice.

"A soul entering paradise, mis-
tress. And I made the sign of the cross.
"She, too, crossed herself and staid
for a moment in meditation, with her
face turned toward heaven. Then, 'Is
it true that all you shepherds are Wil-
ards?' she asked.

"Not at all, my lady, but we live
near the stars here than the people in
the valley, and so we know better than
they what is going on."

"She was still looking up, with her
head on her hand. She was like a little
celestial shepherdess, sitting there with
the sheepskin around her.

"How far it goes! How beautiful it
is! I have never seen anything like it.
Do you know their names, shepherd?"

"Yes, mistress. Here, just over us,
is St. James—road (the Milky Way). It
goes from France straight into Spain.
St. James of Galilee laid it out to show
the way to the brave Charlemagne
when he was waging war with the
Saracens. Farther along you see the
chariot of souls (Ursa Major) with its
four dazzling axes. The three stars in
front are the three animals, and that
quite small one opposite the third is the
charioteer. Do you see that rain of
stars all around it? They are the souls
which the good God does not want in
his house. A little lower is the rake,
or the three kings (Orion). It serves
as a clock to us. By looking at it I
know now that it is just midnight.

Lower toward the south is John of Mi-
lan, the torch of the stars (Sirius). The
shepherds have this legend about it:
John of Milan was invited one night
with the three kings and the Pleiades
to the wedding of one of their star
friends. The Pleiades were in a greater
hurry than the others, so they left first
and took the high road. See it up there
at the very top of the heavens. The
three kings out across lower and over-
took them, but that lazy John of Milan,
who had passed, was left far behind.
In a rage he threw his stick to stop
them. That is why the three kings are
also called John of Milan's stick. But
the most beautiful of all the stars, mis-
tress, is ours, the shepherds' star,
which lights us at dawn as we take out
the flocks and at evening when we bring
them home. We call it Maguelonne;
too, the beautiful Maguelonne who runs
after Peter of Provence (Saturn), and
marries him every seven years.

"What, shepherd! Are there really
marriages among the stars?"

"Of, yes, mistress."

"And as I was trying to explain
what these unions are like I felt some-
thing great and delicate weighing
heavily on my shoulder. It was her head,
heavy with sleep, which leaned against
me with a pretty rumpling of ribbons,
laces and curly hair. She lay so with-
out stirring until the stars paled—ref-
lected by the rising day. I watched her—
a little moved in the depths of my be-
ing—but sweetly guarded by my clear
night, which has never given me any-
thing but noble thought. Around
the stars continued their silent march,
dotted as a great flock—and at moments
I fancied that one of the most delicate
of the most brilliant of them all, had lost
her way and rested upon my shoulder
in sleep."—From the French of Al-
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